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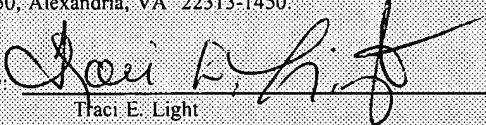
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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<p align="center">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)(1)(i)(A)</p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is, on the date shown below, being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.</p> <p>Dated: <u>December 27, 2004</u></p> <p>By <u></u> Traci E. Light</p>

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on July 27, 2004 please enter the instant correspondence, in the prosecution of the patent application captioned above, and amend this same application as follows. Filed herewith is a "Petition For A Two Month Extension of Time" [as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)].

Amendment To The Claims: begin on page two of this paper.